

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9 through 14, and 16 through 20 remain in the application. Claims 2 through 5, 8 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 14 are in independent form.

Paragraph 21 has been amended because, upon review, it was noted that there was a typographical error in the first line. Applicant respectfully submits that the specification is in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent 6,029,637, issued to Prior on February 29, 2000. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention. More specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of Claims 2 through 9. In particular, Claim 1 now positively sets forth the cooling system including an exterior heat exchanger which removes thermal energy from the cooling system collected by an inner heat exchanger. As per the suggestion of the Examiner, such a claim would be considered allowable as the exterior heat exchanger is not shown in the prior art. Claim 1, and all claims depending therefrom, overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and are in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 was rejected for the same reason. More specifically, claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent 6,029,637. Based on the admission from the Examiner that the element set forth in claim 15 was not disclosed in the prior art, claim 15 was incorporated into claim 14 rendering the combination of elements set forth in claim 15 allowable over the prior art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and asserts that claim 14 and all claims depending therefrom, overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

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It should be noted that claims 6, 7 and 9 through 13 remain in the application. These claims have been amended to change their dependency from that of claim 1 to an eventual dependency upon claim 14. Applicant believes such combinations are not new combinations resulting in new searches as all the subject matter was presented in the set of claims originally filed and examined.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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